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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND  
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2001. Entry of the following Amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits.

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 7-17, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 26 without prejudice.